

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Claim 16 has been amended according to Applicant's intent without affecting allowability.

Withdrawn Claims 33-50 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to expedite the issuance of Claims 11-32. Applicants reserve the right to present any or all of Claims 33-50 in a divisional application.

As this application is now in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the application be promptly passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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